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VIA Electronic Mail

Camilla Williams
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
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Re: Letters of Support for the Lake Elsinore Pump Storage Project (FERC Project No. 11858); Petition for Reconsideration of State Board's Denial of Application for Water Quality Certification

Dear Ms. Williams:

On behalf of The Nevada Hydro Company, Inc. ("TNHC"), we provide to the State Water Resources Control Board ("State Board")—as part of the administrative record for TNHC's November 2, 2009 petition for reconsideration of the State Board's October 1, 2009 denial of TNHC and the Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District's ("EVMWD" or the "District") January 21, 2009 application for State Water Quality Certification for the proposed Lake Elsinore Pump Storage Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") Project No. 11858 ("LEAPS" or the "Project") (the "Petition")—letters of support for the Project. TNHC appreciates the State Board's efforts in this matter, and the opportunity to submit this letter.

Support for LEAPS

As described in the attached letters, several members of the United States Congress and the California legislature have expressed strong support for the Project over the past several years. In support of LEAPS, these legislators emphasize California's need to develop alternative sources of energy and the unique benefits of the Project to the water quality in Lake Elsinore. Letter from Representatives Darrell Issa, Ken Calvert, Mary Bono and Duncan Hunter to Joseph Kelliher, Chairman of FERC (April 25, 2005) (Declaration of Peter Lewandowski ("Lewandowski Decl."), Ex. A); Letter from California State Senator Dennis Hollingsworth and Assemblyman Ray Haynes to Yakout Mansour, President and CEO of California Independent System Operator (July 31, 2006)



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(“Senator Hollingsworth and Assemblyman Haynes letter”) (Lewandowski Decl., Ex. B). As California works to develop a regulatory program to curb greenhouse gas emissions in the State and address the significant air quality issues in southern California and other areas of the State, the comments of Senator Hollingsworth and Assemblyman Haynes ring especially true: “Pumped storage products, such as LEAPs, provide an important contribution to facilitating attainment both of California’s Renewable Portfolio Standards and reductions of air emissions.” Senator Hollingsworth and Assemblyman Haynes letter (Lewandowski Decl., Ex. B).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Declaration of Peter Lewandowski
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